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WASHINGTONIANS VICTIMS OF HORROR

Forty-or More Dead in Wreck on Baltimore and Ohio. ALL Scores of Maimed and Dying in Hospitals.

TRAIN IS TELESCOPED

Unidentified Bodies Strewn Along the found Railway Track, and Many Ground Into tiffed by pay envelope containing 95 an Unrecognizable Mass-Harrowing Scenes at Terra Cotta, Where the Dis- ington aster Occurred—Priests and Physicians Hurry to the Aid of the Sufferers.

Probably forty people, many of them Washingtonians, were killed, and nearly one hundred injured, some of whom will die, in a disastrous wreck at 6:30 last evening, on the Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, at Terra Cotta station.

It will probably be several days before the exact number of dead is known, and owing to the fact that so many bodies were horribly mangled and scattered, it may be impossible ever to determine the exact number.

The wrecked train was No. 66, from Frederick, Md., bound law of Harry Highee, Bureau of for Washington. It was standing at Terra Cotta station, when from Printing the rear came another train, of empty passenger coaches, which crashed into it with frightful force, telescoping the three rear cars of the passen- lumbia Phonograph Company. ger train, which were crowded with passengers.

The engineer of No. 66, taken unawares by the shock, threw open baby. the throttle of his engine, and his shattered train was pulled some distance up the track. It was a splintered, distorted mass, and among the wreckage many of the unfortunate passengers were entangled, and these, with screams of agony, were dragged along the rails, many of them to

That the train was crowded is shown by the fact that many of the Takoma, D. C. passengers were standing in the aisles of the three wrecked cars. They were caught without warning, and such was the shock they were hurled in every direction. One of the cars turned over and buried some of the wounded beneath the debris, and along the tracks for about an eighth of a mile which the wrecked train traversed the dead and wounded were scattered everywhere.

It is not far from Terra Cotta to Brookland, and first on the scene were the ready priests from the monastery there. Many of them who had heard the crash and the cries of agony that followed had seized lanterns, and these were of great aid in helping the sorely wounded.

Some of the latter they were able to pull to the roadside, out of right arm broken. the way, where they could wait for doctors, but far more they found dying in agony, and by the dim light of the flickering lanterns they adminis- street southeast. tered the holy sacrament to these.

One of the first men out of the wreck was D. W. Baker, district No. 66. attorney of Washington. Badly hurt as he was, with a wounded foot that caused him agonizing pain, he managed to make his way to Brookland, years old, 802 D street southeast. whence he sent in the first urgent call for aid. Then he was helped himself, and it was found that his injuries were so severe that his shoe had to be cut from his crushed foot.

The rescuers, the black-robed priests foremost among them, worked like Trojans to save the wounded. By the light of torches, the dim Brooks. lanterns, and the glare from the ovens of the terra cotta works, the bodies, as they were found, were hastily examined. The dead were laid tenderly but quickly aside. For the first hour or so, so insistently did the wounded demand attention, no attempt was made even to get the avenue.

The responsibility for the wreck has not yet been fixed, but Engineer Md., scalp wound and jaw broken. Hildebrand, of the train that caused the disaster, and his fireman, I. C. McLellan, Frank F. Hoffmeier, conductor; Ralph Rutter, brakeman, and W. A. Norris, baggageman, all of Baltimore, were all arrested by the first police who arrived, and are now held at the Tenth precinct station for investigation.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE AWFUL ACCIDENT

The accident was caused by a train foggy and the tracks damp, the en coaches and a baggage car which had Cotta, merely a platform and shed, where stopped at Terra Cotta to take on pas- passengers wait for the train.

splinters.

able that at least eight or ten will never was so heavy they could not be seen for be identified, as the bodies were dis- more than a few yards. torted out of all human form.

station a short distance outside of the city limits. It is a mere hamlet, ployed at the terra cotta works. Train runs only on Sunday night. It was com- leaving death in its path. ing into Washington, and was due here at 6:30 o'clock, in charge of Conductor ple who had boarded the train at various small stations all along the line down from Frederick, Md., whence it started three coaches been constructed of tinder, at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

It was about fifteen minutes late, and in view of the fact that the night was

of seven empty coaches running into a gineer made no effort to regain the lost of the Washington Star. local train composed of three passenger time. There is no station agent at Terra

The train had just come to a stop, when The empty train was running at a high engine No. 120, hauling seven empty pasrate of speed, and crashed through all senger cars, which left Cumberland at three of the coaches, smashing them to I o'clock in the afternoon on the way to Baltimore, and in charge of Engineer The bodies of the dead were strewn Harry Hildebrand and Fireman J. T. Mcalong the track for a distance of more Lellan, came down the track. Red lights than a quarter of a mile. Many of them were burning upon the rear coach of the Corcoran street. were horribly mutilated, and it is prob- local, but owing to the fact that the fog

In fact, Engineer Hildebrand states broken. The scepe of the accident is a small that he was not aware that the track was not clear until an instant before the collision came. With a terrific crash his inhabited only by workmen em- engine dashed into the coach and ran through all three of the cars on the local, street northwest. No. 66, from Frederick, is a local which demolishing them to kindling wood, and

Coaches Well Filled.

Each one of the three coaches was fairly well filled with passengers, and with only a few exceptions, none es- street northwest. caped death or serious injury. Had the their demolition could not have been more

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LIST OF THE DEAD.

IDENTIFIED.

Mrs. M. E. BAINES; died in private home at Terra Cotta.

J. A. and S. L. BOND; no address ist's coat.

COMMODORE P. BROWN, iden- skirt.

EDWARD M. BELT, seven-yearold son of Dr. E. Oliver Belt, Wash-

DON M. CARR, Kensington, Md. 0. P. DAILEY, minister from Newark, Ohio, Rural Route No. 2.

Dr. E. GAITHER HARRIS, den- lege pin. tist, 1336 New York avenue. GEORGE HIGBEE, seven-year-

old son of Harry Higbee. Prof. T. J. KING, Kensington, Md., organist at Wesleyan M. E. Church and statistician at Naval

P. A. KELLY, engineer at the

J. T. KELLY, Kensington, Md., motorman on Kensington railway. Miss MAY LIPPOLD, sister-in-

A. LEE LOWE, 1212 F street, Co-Mrs. MOORE and one-year-old

Mrs. MERKLAND.

THOMAS METZ, New York Transfer, corner Eighth avenue and and women. Forty-ninth street. Mrs. M. S. PERRMANN, North

Miss REEVES, Takoma, D. C. NORMAN RODGERS, 30 years,

JOHN WRIGHT, died at Emer-

UNIDENTIFIED.

Eight-year-old child. Girl, 22, red skirt and gray tour-

Woman, 35, blue coat and black

Woman, 20, plaid shirt waist, belt buckle with initials "U. N. S." and HURT, GOES TO 'PHONE

Woman, 20, red skirt and white Woman, 40, tan coat, black skirt,

two garnet rings. Girl, 18, green dress, Cornell Col-

Boy, with pass for Mrs. J. A. Mc-Caghey and son, wife and son of chief clerk of general superintendent Baltimore and Ohio.

Mangled body of man,

Boy, letter "M" on clothes; mangled remains.

Boy, 10 years old. Colored woman.

White man; mangled beyond rec-

Woman, 30, blue coat, black skirt. Child; mangled beyond recogni-

Girl, 20, "S" embroidered on handkerchief; brown suit.

Girl, 20, red hair, green dress. Woman, 30, checked shirt waist,

Four decapitated bodies of men

Child, girl, about 13.

Woman wearing wedding ring, "P. C. to M. C. L;" black skirt and white shirt waist.

Woman, 35, large wedding ring. Child; white.

Colored woman; died at Providence Hospital.

LIST OF THE INJURED.

ROY ADLER, Poolesville, Md., H. O. MILLER

Miss FANNY AUSTIN, 1802 D

Engineer ANDERSON, of train

SAMMY AUSTIN, colored, 36

DISTRICT ATTORNEY D. W. BAKER, 1523 T street northwest, northwest. crushed heel, badly bruised about face; walked to Brookland and was treated at a pharmacy by Dr.

LOUIS BALDWIN, Washington, internal injuries.

BERTHA BEAKE, 419 New York

FRANK B. BOBLITZ, Frederick,

LUCILE CAMPHER. Mrs. DON L. CARR, Kensington.

LUCILE COMP, 6 years old. Miss ROSIE CROSS, Seneca, tele-

phone operator. Mrs. R. J. COOLEY, 215 New Jer-

HOWELL CHAMBERS, 1008 Baltimore. Eleventh hstreet northwest.

JOHN DICKENS, Park road.

RICHARD F. ELGIN.

CHARLES T. FAGAN, 23 years D. C. old, Frederick, Md. B. FRANKLIN, brakeman, badly

cut and crushed; condition serious. FRED HEISER, Takoma Park. C. C. HOMILLER, Seneca, Md. CATHERINE B. HUGHES, 1438

W. C. JOHNSON, General Agent United States Express Co., arm

LYSLE JONES, Washington. Mrs. JOHN KENLOW. JOHN A. KUNLO, grocer, 18 P

JOHN KAUHLER, Washington, both legs broken.

HENRY KRISS, Takoma Park. E. B. LADD, brakeman, 255 R B. N. MAYWOOD, Alexandria

M street northwest.

JOHN MERTLINE, M street

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. MOORE. Mrs. A. MOON, Sheridan. CHESTER L. MOORE, Sheridan. ELIZABETH PERRIMAN, Ta-

C. A. PROCTOR, 321 P street

HENRY REED, Terra Cotta. Miss JEANNETTE REID, Wash-

C. R. RANBURG. Frederick.

B. S. SEGGS, Washington. ADA SMITH.

Mrs. ELIZABETH TEIRAN, Ta-

HARVEY THOMAS, wife, and son, 63 L street; Mr. Thomas cut

JOHN WILKINS, ankle broken and head cut.

JOHN WRIGHT, colored, 50 lances. years, 850 Stockholm street, South

EDWARD WILLIAMS, colored, CORNELIUS ECKHART, auditor ton; came to city on electric car been removed, the first relief train re- were the timbers of the shattered car, as The stage was decorated with palms and had wounds about face dressed.

> Two-year-eld child at Freedmen's Hospital.

Four-year-old child at Freedmen's Two unknown men at Providence

FINDS THIRTY-SEVEN DEAD. Inspector Cross' Estimate Indicates

Over Forty Casualties. At an early hour this morning Inspector Cross stated that he had personally ounted the bodies of thirty-seven dead at the scene of the wreck, besides two that were carried to houses in Terra Cotta late last night. In addition, two deaths occurred in the hospitals in Washington. This indicates a total of at least forty-one dead, with a strong possibility of the number eventually proving even greater.

J. A. McCLING, 25 years old, 408

Leaves Washington every weekday at 8
a. m. via Pennsylvania Railroad. Broiler a. m. via Pennsy: buffet parlor car.

Relief Trains Rushed to Scene of Wreck.

DARKNESS HINDERS

District Attorney Baker First to Send News to City.

Tells Maj, Sylvester of Awful Disaster-Police and Firemen, with Nurses, Physicians, and Surgeons, Hurried to Terra Cotta-All Avail-Mangled and the Dead.

Every facility in Washington for aidgiving was called into requisition last night, and all responded heroically to the

Hospitals, physicians, surgeons, nurses, victims of the Terra Cotta wreck. Within few minutes after the extent of the calamity was learned, relief trains were

was going on in the darkness and fog by the few who had hastened to the scene of the wreck from near-by houses District Attorney Baker managed, with great difficulty, because of his crushed foot, to hobble to the telephone at Brookland, a half mile or more from the wreck and there called on Maj. Sylvester, chief of police, to send aid. Mr. Baker had but moment at the telephone to say that were at once dispatched to Brookland, up Two ambulances from the Emergency Hospital and one from Freedmen's Hos- in the shadow of the fog. pital were sent flying out over the dark roads to Terra Cotta. With them went four or five doctors and several nurses from these hospitals.

Get Relief Train Ready.

In the meantime the officials of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad were getting a relief train ready. All the doctors the track at the station were the splinters that could be secured from the various of the car wilch had first been dehospitals were hurried to the station and

While the work of relief was going on, nother detachment of thirty policemen oined in the work of taking the injured

bassengers out of the wreck. In the city the ambulances at the Providence and Emergency hospitals were ordered to the Baltimore and Ohio station Another train was soon made up and sent out with more nurses and doctors and more police. This train reached Terra Cotta just as the first train started

Preparation at Station

At the station every preparation had been made to remove the injured persons about face; Mrs. Thomas cut about pitals as quickly as possible. Stretchers face and badly bruised; boy not in- were already in place on the platform, the people in the coaches met their dreadand the train had hardly stopped before ful end. sturdy policemen and trainmen had eaped aboard and had begun their task After the accident, the monster engine of removing the wounded to the ambu- stood sullen and black in the dim fog. It

Under Maj. Sylvester's orders, the vari- drawn, so that no sound of escaping ous hospitals were notified of the arrival steam was heard, but, none the less, it of the relief train, and that the ambu- towered against the misty sky like some culty that the police on duty could make lances would soon come with their loads silent avenger. Its cowcatcher and head- the hundreds waiting to get in understand 1154 Nineteenth street, Washing- of injured. As soon as the wounded had light had disappeared, but in their places that they were doomed to disappointment. turned to Terra Cotta and again received if the engine had caught and still held and draped simply with the American a load of injured. The second relief them lovingly in its arms. Farther down ALBERT YORK, Woodburn, a load of injured. The second feller track was the remnant of another and its wounded were in turn taken to coach, one half demolished and the other ter the meeting got down to business at the hospitals. At 1 o'clock the two trains half up-ended in the air, with twisted UNIDENTIFIED INJURED. again came in from the wreck, the first rods of iron and gaunt ends of timber the bodies of the dead.

Terra Cotta Workmen First.

The first to offer relief were the workmen whose cottages are along the track at Terra Cotta. Their means of affording succor were small, but they did the best they could under the circumstances until aid arrived upon the scene from Washington. The women brought water

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For the greatest amount of heat at Coal! Coal! Coal!

The Finest Table d'Hote Dinner, \$1 from 6 to 8 p. m.; luncheon, 1 to 2:30, 75c.; breakfast, 8 to 10, 75c. Best service. The Portland Cafe, Thomas Circle.

NUMBER IN HOSPITALS.

r of injured at the hospitals. In adition, scores of others were cared for and taken to their homes. Many of those in the hospitals are in a very

critical condition Casualty Freedmen's George Washington University Providence 11

ADMINISTERS LAST RITES.

Father Mark Passes Among the Dy ing Chanting the Sacred Service. Father A. W. Mark, pastor of St

Anthony's Church at Brookland, was among the first to reach the scene of the wreck, and until the arrival of the relief trains assisted in the work of removing the dead, dying, and injured from the tangled mass of debris.

For hours Father Mark passed among the fatally injured passengers admin istering the last rites to the dying Bearing a lantern, the priest walked among the mangled, groaning victims searching for those that seemed on the verge of death.

In the ditches along the roadbed, on station platform, and amidst the splintered wreckage the pastor found hildren fatally hurt. Kneeling beside the mangled forms, his face lighted by with the terrible cries of the injured and the hoarse shouts of the rescuers in his ears, Father Mark chanted the

VIGILAT TERRA COTT

Grewsome Picture at Scene of Railway Wreck.

Stout-hearted Souls Guard the Lifeless Forms Mangled and Strewn by the Track-Waiting for the Dawn to Complete the Work That Strong Hands Must Undertake.

nisty curtain for the hidden moon. The scores were probably killed, and many more fearfully injured, when the receiver was dropped at this end of the line, and in a moment more orders were given to Fire Chief Belt to send his men to the wreck, and a noment more orders were given to Fire Chief Belt to send his men to the wreck, and a large data. In the man, and seemed like a wet shroud. And on the damp ground, with vacant eyes staring through the mist, a row of corpses, where the start is to be deprived of about 25,000 of its churches, episcopal and parochail residences, clerical seminaries, and other church property; and whereas this feeling has been accentuated by the fact that Catholic France is to be deprived of shour church in France in France is to be deprived of shour church in France is to be deprived of shour church in France is to be deprived of shour church in France is to be deprived of shour church in France in Fran thirty or more there were, some huddled stretched out in stiff and somber outline

> twoscore of human souls had suddenly been hurled into eternity. The only illu-mination was the fireman's lamp or the trainman's lantern. The feeble glow of these pale lights was sufficient, however, the entire property of the Catholic Church in France, the entire property of the Catholic Church in France, did not need Imagination to picture the gigantic freight engine, coming down the road at the rate of fifty or sixty miles an inforcing into military service over 5,000 students of hour, plowing its way through the light and fragile passenger coach, and literally grinding the bodies of men, we men, and children into fragments. So olic Church, and all other churches, in that country may be granted the same rights and privileges which they now enjoy under the protection of the which they now enjoy under the protection of the government of the United States, and all other churches, in that country may be granted the same rights and privileges which they now enjoy under the protection of the government of the United States are resolutions be forwarded to the French Ambassador, to the United States government, and that they be also furnished the stoutest heart. For the mammoth engine-a veritable Moloch licking up human blood-crunched and ground its way through the passenger train until it final-

seemed almost human. Its fires had been paded with wounded, the second bearing extending out like the tentacles of an octopus. The trucks of the coach were first speaker was the Hon. H. E. Gans, a in still another place-and when the policemen and the firemen, kneeling in the muddy earth, peered under the mass of the exact status of affairs between church wreckage, they found more corpses. And and state in France the monster engine, silent and black, looked down upon the havoc it had

Out of the mist emerged a fire engine, in this country the rights of all the and tore up their bedding for bandages, drawn by panting horses. Happily, it was people are jealously guarded, and that while the men, working with the best not needed. The scourge of fire did not by the President must, to be effective, means at hand, took out all of the in- add its horror to the scene. Presently, be in accord with the Constitution. He jured they could reach and carried many sounding afar off, a whistle, and then a showed that in this country no law would of them to their humble homes to await faint glow, like a star seen in the early hold which should attempt to interfere the arrival of the relief train which dawn. This was the relief train, hurriedly with the right to any religious belief, sent from the city to convey the wounded the right to express it. At once the to the hospitals. Willing and sympathetic judiciary would hold such a law null and hands bore these injured ones to the void. He went on to show that France coaches, and presently the relief train had disappeared in the mist, its engine bell tolling as for a funeral. Then, the living having been cared for, there was further Most satisfactory. J. Maury Dove Co. search for the dead. Mangled remains

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ORATORS UPHOLD CHURCH IN FRANCE

Mass Meeting Held by Men of Many Faiths.

HOPE CABLED TO ROME

Catholics Heartily Supported Against Tyranny of Republic.

Columbia Theater Packed to Doors by Washington People, Who Bitterly Arraign Confiscation of Property-The List of Speakers Includes Many Prominent Men-Edgar H. Gans Tells of Origin of Trouble.

Washington, Dec. 30. Cardinal Merry Del Val,

Papal Secretary of State, Rome, Italy. Citizens of Washington, irrespective of religious belief, unitattitude of French government to church, and sympathize with Holy Father and French hier-

THOMAS J. DONOVAN,

Washington, held last night at the Columbia Theater, a meeting at which 2,000 people were present and fully that many turned away for lack of accommodation, the action of the French government in-DEAD. DEAD ON ALL SIDES attempting to confiscate the churches and property of Roman Catholics in France was bitterly arraigned.

Speeches were made by the Hon. Edgar H. Gans, of Baltimore; Maj. Edward T. McCrystal, of New York; the Rev. John Van Schaick, and Rev. D. J. Stafford, pastor of St. Patrick's Church. The cablegram above was sent to Cardi-

lowing resolutions were adopted by unanimous vote and amid applause: Whereas we view with exceeding regret and indig-nation the action by which the Catholic Church in

nal Merry Del Val, at Rome, and the fol-

It was a weird and grewsome scene at Terra Cotta station last night, just after a serious menace to Christian civilization; therefore

to show the extent of the disaster. On and, as liberty-loving people, we denounce such conduct as hostile to the freedom of Christian worship; of the car which had first been demolished. With the exception of a portion of the roof there was nothing but taken out on this train. With them also went as many nurses as could be mustered. Through train No 2 was sent ahead to the force of the collision. It

religion; be it further Resolved, That while we vigorously com-

States government, and that they be also furnis to the press of the United States for publication.

Sympathizers Crowd Theater. The meeting at the Columbia Theater was a spontaneous outpouring of sympathizers with the Roman Catholics of France under the injustice they are sufcars, caught in a trap from which they fering at the hands of the government, from the cars and get them to the hostortures until death came to their relief, great number of Catholics were in the many prominent people from other de ominations present, and every bitter denunciation of the French government, Clemenceau, or Waldeck-Rousseau, was

> The hour set for the meeting was 8:15. but long before that time the theater was packed with people, and it was with diffiflag. There was a little delay owing to the late arrival of Mr. Gans from Baiti-

greeted with hearty applause.

more, but as soon as he got to the thea-The meeting was called to order by Thomas J. Donovan, and the chairman of the meeting was Mr. P. J. Haltigan. The prominent lawyer of Baltim told simply and as briefly as possible

No Constitution in France. He explained first that France was not a constitutional government, as that of

the United States. He pointed out that

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The "Daylight Train," a solid vestibuled flyer, leaving Washington 8:00 a.m., reaching Wheeling 7:40 p.m.; Cincinati, 11:50 p.m.; St. Louis, 8:46 a.m., has immediate connection to Pittsburg, 5:05 p.m.; Akron, 8:45 p.m.; Cleveland, 10:00 p.m.; Chicago, 7:45 a.m., via the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. and Ohio Railroad.